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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, SHUM, UR
SUBJECT: SHCHARANSKIY TRIAL: END OF SECOND DAY

1. POLICE VAN, PRESUMABLY CONTAINING ANATOLIY SHCHARANSKIY, AND TWO ESCORT CARS DEPARTED COURTHOUSE SHORTLY BEFORE 6:00 P.M. JULY 11. PROCESSION PASSED
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EMBOFF, TWO CANADIAN DIPLOMATS AND TWO WESTERN CORRESPONDENTS, THE ONLY FOREIGNERS ON THE SCENE. A SMALL BAND OF SHCHARANSKIY SUPPORTERS (ABOUT 15) HAD GATHERED AT OPPOSITE END OF STREET, THE ROUTE TAKEN AT END OF SESSION THE PREVIOUS DAY. THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED IN THEIR EFFORTS TO CHEER SHCHARANSKIY, BECOMING AWARE OF HIS DEPARTURE VIA OPPOSITE END OF

STREET ONLY AS SECURITY FORCES TOOK DOWN BARRIERS AND CASUALLY STROLLED AWAY.

2. ANDREI SAKHAROV'S WIFE AND HELSINKI GROUP MEMBER DSIPPOVA WERE AMONG SMALL GROUP PRESENT AT SESSION'S CLOSE. SHCHARANSKIY FAMILY DID NOT APPEAR. GROUP INCLUDED ABOUT HALF-DOZEN WHO HAD BEEN AT GINZBURG TRIAL PREVIOUS DAY.

3. SHCHARANSKIY SUPPORTERS BELIEVE THAT ONE OF THE FOUR WITNESSES IN HIS TRIAL, PANCHINKA, IS A JANITOR WHO ALLEGEDLY FOUND A LIST OF NAMES WHICH SUPPOSEDLY IMPLICATES SHCHARANSKIY IN COURTYARD OF APARTMENT BUILDING WHERE TOTH LIVED. LOS ANGELES TIMES BUREAU CHIEF FISHER TELLS US THAT ANOTHER PROSPECTIVE WITNESS, POPOVA, IS STILL EMPLOYED BY THE BUREAU. ACCORDING TO FISHER, POPOVA HAS OBTAINED A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE EXEMPTING HER FROM APPEARING IN COURT. SHE APPARENTLY DOES NOT INTEND TO GIVE TESTIMONY - AT LEAST NOT IN PERSON.

4. AUTHORITIES HAVE SCHEDULED ONE OF PERIODIC SESSIONS AT ALL-UNION OVR TO WHICH REFUSENIKS MAY PRESENT REQUESTS FOR RECONSIDERATION OF THEIR CASES FOR TOMORROW, JULY 12. REFUSENIKS ARE NATURALLY CONVINCED THAT THIS IS BEING DONE

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TO CUT THEIR ATTENDANCE AT TRIAL SITE.

5. ATMOSPHERE NEAR COURTHOUSE REMAINS CALM AND SECURITY FORCES CONTINUE TO BEHAVE CORRECTLY.

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